

Hello my name is Dana Oliver. I am a musician and recording artist with a local rock group in Berkeley Springs, WV. I listen to the radio at work and at home approximately 8-10 hours a day.

I have written between 150-200 songs since I started playing in 1979. My band has released 7 CDs and is working on number 8 since our beginning in 1993. We release our music locally and advertise online using our own equipment on our own label. It is incredibly difficult to get our music on air because of programming lists that tie the hands of DJs. We play out sporadically taking whatever gigs we can get locally. We are known locally by our fans because of concerts we have put on that also featured other local band and musicians.

Our local radio station plays country music so our music is not in their format. We were featured one night in 1991 when I played with our lead guitar player in another group, on Prom night, when a friend and local dj played rock for the kids on prom night. We submitted material to Shepard College radio but don't know if it was ever played because the signal is so weak it doesn't reach the area where we live.

I think it should be up to djs what they want to play, not a list that gets repeated every 3 hours. i also wonder why all the country stations come in loud and clear but you have to use signal amplifiers to pick up local rock stations. It would be nice to have a one hour slot that is not after midnite to play local music, to give everybody a chance to get their music heard.

It should include a one hour slot to play local music. Stations should advertise to local artists to submit their material so they can be represented in the local show.

I think local artists should have shot at local radio.

I can't listen to sponsorship or charity promotions. I think they should count, but in addition to local programming.